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E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: SREF, MY  
SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: MALAYSIA

REF: STATE 157949

1. AS OF JULY 1, 1977 THERE WERE 2,567 REFUGEES IN MALAYSIA  
ACCORDING TO THE GOM'S NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. THIS  
FIGURE INCLUDES ONLY THOSE REFUGEES OFFICIALLY PERMITTED  
ASHORE. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF THREE BOATS WITH ANOTHER  
214 REFUGEES ABOARD THAT ARE UNSEAWORTHY, THAT WILL SHORTLY  
BE INCLUDED IN THIS FIGURE. THUS THE TOTAL WILL BE 2,781.  
IN ADDITION, EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM UNHCR AND OTHER  
SOURCES THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER BOATS IN MALAYSIAN  
WATERS ATTEMPTING TO LAND. ONE SUCH SHIP OFF JOHORE  
REPORTEDLY HAS 200 ABOARD.

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2. EMBASSY ESTIMATES THAT AT THIS TIME THERE ARE OVER  
3,000 REFUGEES IN MALAYSIA OR IN MALAYSIAN WATERS. WE  
CANNOT SAY WITH ANY ACCURACY HOW MANY WILL BE PUSED OFF  
AND HOW MANY WILL SUCCESSFULLY LAND HERE. REFUGEES  
ARE NOT INCLUDED IN NSC TOTALS, OR USUALLY IN UNHCR  
FIGURES, UNTIL THEY ARE OFFICIALLY PERMITTED TO LAND AND

HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY UNHCR. FOR EXAMPLE, THE 137 REFUGEES ABOARD THE MINH CHAU WHICH HAS BEEN IN THE RIVER AT KUALA TRENGGANU FOR ALMOST A MONTH ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE NSC'S FIGURE. REFUGEES OFTEN SPEND WEEKS OR MONTHS CONFINED TO THEIR DISABLED VESSELS WHILE REPAIRS ARE UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOM. IF LATTER UNSECCESFUL, THEN REFUGEES ARE PERMITTED TO LAND.

3. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE "OFFICIAL TOTALS" OF REFUGEES AS OF JULY 1:

A. TOTAL IN MALAYSIA: 2,567

B. ACCEPTED FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT BUT AWAITING TRAVEL: 344

C. 1. U.S. 299 (APPROVED BY INS-NO KNOWN DEPARTURE DATE)  
FRANCE 30 (FRANCE HAS TAKEN APPROXIMATELY 60 IN LAST TWO MONTHS.)

CANADA 15 (DEPARTING 7/11/77)

C. REFUGEES NOT YET ACCEPTED FOR RESETTLEMENT: 2,223

4. REMAINING ABOARD THE LEAP DAL: 180

A. ALREADY DEPARTED: 71

(1) AUSTRALIA: 52

(2) FRG: 19

B. ACCEPTED FOR RESETTLEMENT AND AWAITING TRAVEL: 85

(1) FRANCE: 65

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(2) AUSTRIA: 19

(3) U.S.: 1 (IMMIGRANT VISA CASE)

C. NOT YET ACCEPTED: 95

5. UNHCR REPORTS THAT GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND IS SHORTLY EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE DECISION TO ACCEPT 70 FAMILIES (MAXIMUM OF 420 PERSONS) FROM MALAYSIA.  
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